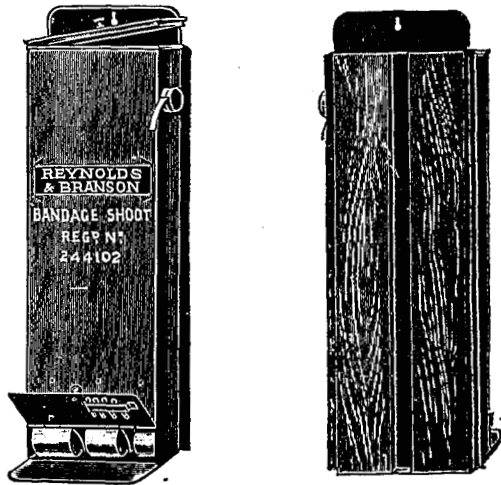


Inventions, Preparations, &c.

A BANDAGE SHOOT.

Our attention has been drawn to a very valuable invention which is shown in the accompanying illustrations, and which has been patented under the above title. It possesses many and obvious advantages, and is undoubtedly the simplest method, as well as one of the most cleanly, of storing bandages. The case is filled from the top, and from the opening in the bottom a bandage of the size required can be immediately withdrawn when



needed. It is claimed, and we imagine with justice, that this contrivance is especially useful in cases of accidents in the country, as it could be quickly carried to the scene of a colliery or railway catastrophe. The prices are very moderate, and we strongly recommend the apparatus to the notice especially of those amongst our readers who are engaged in District Nursing or in country Hospital work.

THE ECLIPSE FOOD WARMER.

All Nurses, and especially those engaged in private houses and in Maternity work, know how difficult it often is to obtain boiling water or to heat children's food during the night. They will, therefore, appreciate the remarkably simple and useful invention introduced by Messrs. Pierpoint, of 81, Newhall Street, Birmingham, and 50, Lord Street, Liverpool. This is an ingenious holder which can easily be adjusted in a moment to any gas bracket, and which sustains a kettle over the gas jet so that a pint of water or milk can be boiled in a few minutes, and without interfering with the light of the room. It is one of the most useful and ingenious inventions with which we have recently met, as the price both of the holder and of the kettle or saucepan ranges from only a shilling upwards, and as it can be obtained from all gas-

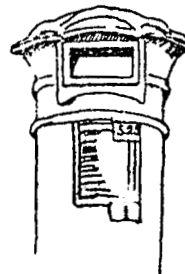
fitters or ironmongers, or direct from the inventors, we feel no doubt that the Eclipse Food Warmer will be largely bought and used by our readers. In comfort and convenience it will certainly repay its cost many times over, each week.

A SPINAL SUPPORT.

One of the most difficult matters in orthopædics is to yield effective support to a weak spine because the rigid materials which are usually employed neither allow free movement nor give the vertebral muscles that opportunity of recovering their tone which is essential if a cure is to be permanent. For this reason a most effective support recently introduced by Messrs. Gumpel & Co., of 70, Newman Street, W., deserves to be warmly commended and widely employed. An illustration of its form will be found in our advertisement columns, and this will show that the principle is based upon the anatomical arrangement of the spine, that the base of support is wisely taken from the waist, and that, therefore, support is given to the vertebral column and the muscles of the back, which at the same time is strong and yet allows free movement in every position of the body. The appliance deserves to be widely known, and would then undoubtedly become widely employed.

Letters to the Editor.

(Notes, Queries, &c.)



Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not IN ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

REGISTERED MEMBERSHIP.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

MADAM,—Many of your readers must have welcomed the timely letter of Miss Humfrey on this subject. The importance Nurses attach to Registration is shewn by the increasing numbers applying for this privilege. It is, however, a fact that many of the applicants do not appear equally to realise the advantage of becoming Members of the Royal British Nurses' Association. If they did, surely those who have obtained the Registration Certificate would regard Membership as the natural sequel. They cannot plead ignorance or forgetfulness, as in every case where registration papers are applied for, forms of membership are also sent, and at the same time a leaflet is enclosed which states clearly the objects and work of the Association. Many do not, apparently, grasp the stern reality that to carry on this work efficiently, money is needed. Suitable offices must be provided, and salaries paid, annuities must be met, and a generous response made to appeals for assistance. If every Nurse who registered became at the same time also a member, a sufficient yearly income would be assured to the Association to meet these claims. It is strange that many women seem so little conscious of the power for good there is in combination and co-operation; they are too apt to limit

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